## Eastern District of Wisconsin Bankruptcy Court MBA/VLP Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project

If you are involved in an adversary proceeding in a bankruptcy case and you cannot afford an attorney to represent you, you may qualify for free legal assistance through a program called the Volunteer Lawyers Project. This program is for adversary proceedings only, and is open to plaintiffs and defendants who meet certain financial qualifications. This Project is sponsored by Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

In order to find out if you qualify for this free legal help, you must contact the Volunteer Lawyers Project as explained below, and you and your case will be screened for eligibility. If you and your case qualify, you will be referred to a volunteer lawyer.

Please Note: Due to the deadlines involved in adversary proceedings, it is very important that you contact the Volunteer Lawyers Project at the first available intake time after you receive this notice. Also, be prepared to provide full financial information to the intake coordinator, including household income, assets, debts and creditors. Referral is subject to eligibility requirements imposed on Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. by the Legal Services Corporation, and by the availability of volunteer lawyers.

How to Contact Volunteer Lawyers Project Intake: Call **414-278-7714 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m.** You may use the toll-free number, 888-278-0633, but when you call the toll free number, you must tell the receptionist that you are calling on the toll-free line and ask for **prescreening**.

When you contact the project intake line, please be patient and persistent:

- If you get a busy signal, please hang up and call back in 10 minutes.
- Once your call rings through, your call will be taken in the order that it is received. Please stay on the line. All calls will be answered.
- When your call is answered, immediately state that you have been referred by the Bankruptcy Court for the Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings Project. Have any papers received from the Bankruptcy Court with you, so that you can advise of any deadlines or court dates.

Adversary proceedings are complicated. It is strongly recommended that you consult an attorney to assist you. If you have questions or concerns about the Volunteer Lawyers Project or this Notice, you can contact the chambers of the bankruptcy judge where the adversary proceeding is pending. While the judge's staff cannot provide you with legal advice, we are happy to explain the Volunteer Lawyers Project and how it might help you.